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Comments:

As a practicing ecologist, I am concerned that the proposed action has not been adequately studied. What are the environmental impacts of such a massive project, and why have there not been more well-publicized public meetings that will provide detailed information to the public? The proposed mileage of new logging roads is not accompanied by proposed locations, so we cannot even provide an informed comment about this proposal. How does this proposed action align with goals of conservation and the management of a mixed severity fire regime? What environmental benefits will be bestowed on this region? While I am in favor of moderate salvage of beetle killed trees, this proposal includes the harvesting of live trees, which is not adequately justified. Why is Sheep mountain, a steep ridge and important wildlife habitat zone, being considered for logging? How will logging Sheep mountain achieve your goals? I encourage the Forest Service to slow down, provide better information campaigns to the local people and to all tax-paying citizens who ultimately are paying for this activity, and to extend the public comment period.